

Remarks

Applicant received an Office Action dated March 24, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant subsequently filed, in response to the March 24, 2004 Office Action, an Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 dated July 26, 2004. Further, on July 30, 2004, Applicant filed a Supplemental Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111, which included new claims 40 and 41, as well as an executed Declaration by Mr. E. Paul Green.

In response to the Amendment filed on July 26, 2004, Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stated that Applicant failed to provide the text for the withdrawn claims with the July 26, 2004 response. Therefore, on September 17, 2004, in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment, Applicant filed a Second Supplemental Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 which included a complete set of claims compiled from Applicant's July 26, 2004 and July 30, 2004 submissions.

Applicant has now received a Communication from the Examiner that indicates applicant's September 17, 2004 submission is still incorrect, in that "claim 38 should show the strike-out deletions and underlined insertions. Further, claim 39 should have a 'new' status indication rather than the 'previously presented' status indicator." Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for noticing these errors in the Applicants' previous submissions. Applicant has prepared herewith a complete set of claims providing text for the withdrawn claims, indications of the strike-outs and deletions, and correct current claim status indicators. Applicant believes that this set of pending claims is now correct and accurate for the pending application.

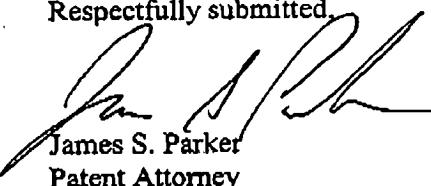
As such, claims 1-12, 21-22, and 38-41 are now pending in this application. Claims 13-20 have been canceled, and claims 23-37 have been withdrawn. Applicant's undersigned representative certifies that no new material is added by this submission. Entry and consideration of the claims presented herein is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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